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1. AMB BENNETT IN MEETING WITH ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON
JUNE 14 RAISED QUESTION OF REFERENCES IN PETERSON'S JUNE 6
SPEECH TO UNDP RESPONSE TO URGENT APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE IN
CASE OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. HE APPRAISED PETERSON OF US
POSITION THAT UNDP IS UN'S DEVELOPMENT ARMA AND THAT ITS FUNDS
SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR EMERGENCY PROGRAMS EXCEPT TO EXTENT
ALREADY APPROVED BY GOVERNING COUNCIL.

2. PETERSON POINTED OUT THAT UNDP IS IN PECULIAR POSITION
BECAUSE IT HAS ONLY WORLD- WIDE STRUCTURE IN UN AND BECAUSE
OF RECOGNIZED COMPETENCE OF ITS FIELD REPRESENTATIVES.

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HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT US POINT WAS WELL TAKEN. ASSISTANCE WHICH UNDP PERSONNEL HAD GIVEN IN CASE OF RECENT EMERGENCIES HAD BEEN LARGELY " ABOVE AND BEYOND CALL OF DUTY", AND HE HAD IN FACT RESISTED STRONG PRESSURES FOR DIVERSION OF PROGRAM FUNDS. IN SUDAN, HE HAD EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO COORDINATE EFFORTS BUT REFUSED TO TAKE OVER WORK OF HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES EVEN AT EXPENSE, HE SAID, OF BEING CONSIDERED OBSTINATE BY SYG. (IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION UNHCR SADRUDDIN KHAN STRESSED TO BENNETT HIS DESIRE GET OUT OF SUDAN PROGRAM NOW THAT EMERGENCY PAST.)

3. WITH REGARD TO SAHELIAN ZONE DROUGHT, PETERSON SAID UNDP HAD AGREED TO FIT IN UNDER FAO UNBRELLA AND WOULD NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVES OF UNCOORDINATED OR DUPLICATIVE NATURE. HE APPEARED UNAWARE OF MORSE INITIATIVE MENTIONED REFTEL (A) BUT AGREED TO LOOK INTO MATTER. BASSIN UNQTE ROGERS

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